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Serial No.: 10/729,607  
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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FAULT  
MANAGEMENT IN A SERVICE-ORIENTED  
ARCHITECTURE

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Dear Sir:

**REQUEST FOR STATUS**

Please advise as to the status of the above-identified patent application. Applicant received the Filing Receipt on March 11, 2004. Applicant is currently requesting the status of the first Office Action and status of this case.

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(a)(1), it has been over fourteen months since the filing date of this Application and a Notification under 35 U.S.C. § 132 has not been received. Thus, a period of adjustment of patent term due to examination delay is accruing in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1).

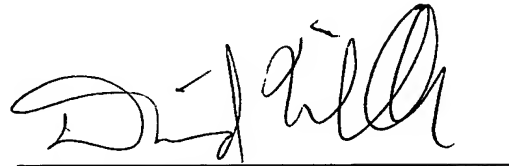
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If there are any matters that can be cleared up through a telephone conversation, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicant, David G. Wille, at 214.953.6595.

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